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FLORA MAN INDICTED FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY-RELATED OFFENSES

Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on June 20, 2006, **DENNIS WAYNE CASOLARI**, age 55, of Flora, Illinois, was charged in a three-count Indictment returned by a Federal Grand Jury sitting in East St. Louis, Illinois.

Count 1 charges that on May 28, 2006, in Clay County, within the Southern District of Illinois, and Indiana, **CASOLARI** traveled from Illinois to Carmel, Indiana for the purpose of attempting to engage in illicit sexual conduct, that is, a sexual act with a person under sixteen years of age; all in violation of federal law.

Count 2 **CASOLARI** with knowing possession of material that contained images of child pornography that has been transported in interstate commerce.

Count 3 charges **CASOLARI** with knowing possession of a computer hard drive, computer disk, and other material that contains images of child pornography that have been transported in interstate commerce by any means, including by computer.

With respect to Count 1, the possible penalties are up to 30 years' imprisonment, a fine of up to \$250,000, and a term of supervised release of up to 5 years.

With respect to each of Counts 2 and 3, the possible penalties are up to 10 years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$250,000, and a term of supervised release of up to 3 years.

An indictment is a formal charge against a defendant. Under the law, a defendant is presumed to be innocent of a charge until proved guilty beyond a reasonable doubt to the satisfaction of a jury.

CASOLARI was arrested on June 1, 2006. On June 6, 2006, following a hearing, a federal magistrate judge ordered **CASOLARI** to be held in the custody of the United States Marshal Service without bond pending trial.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Cyber Crimes Task Force, the Carbondale Police Department, the Marion Police Department, the Flora Police Department, and the Carmel, Indiana Police Department.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney George A. Norwood.

The United States Attorney's Office, in conjunction with federal and state law enforcement authorities, is actively investigating and prosecuting individuals who produce, distribute, or possess child pornography. Anyone with information concerning the use of the Internet for the purposes of possessing, producing, or trafficking in child pornography is encouraged to contact their local police department or the Federal Bureau of Investigation.